

HOUSE BILL 1353

By Vaughan

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 63,
Chapter 7, Part 1, relative to nursing graduates.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-7-105, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection:

(d)

(1) As used in this subsection (d):

(A) "Nursing graduate" means an individual who:

(i) Holds a diploma or degree from a board-approved school of nursing that entitles the individual to take the NCLEX-RN licensing examination; and

(ii) Has received authorization to take the NCLEX-RN examination; and

(B) "NCLEX-RN" means the national council licensure examination for registered nurses.

(2) Notwithstanding a law to the contrary, a nursing graduate may engage in the practice of professional nursing, as defined in this chapter, without a license for a period not to exceed one hundred twenty (120) consecutive calendar days from the date of receipt of the first authorization to take the NCLEX-RN examination if:

(A) The nursing graduate's practice occurs in a healthcare institution licensed under titles 33 or 68, or an affiliate of the healthcare institution; and

(B) The nursing graduate is at all times working under the supervision of an individual licensed to practice professional nursing pursuant to this section.

(3) Proof of the first authorization to take the NCLEX-RN examination must be provided by the nursing graduate to the healthcare institution in which the nursing graduate is practicing.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.